

Biography of Eric Schaeffer

Eric V. Schaeffer is director of the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP), a nonprofit public interest group dedicated to improving enforcement of our environmental laws. Through a combination of advocacy and original research, EIP has helped to focus public attention on chronic violations at refineries, power plants, municipal wastewater treatment plants and other facilities. EIP also helps communities review permits, and file their own enforcement actions when necessary.

Mr. Schaeffer previously served as Director of the Office of Regulatory Enforcement for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from April 1997 - February 2002. Prior to joining EPA in 1990, Mr. Schaeffer practiced law at a private firm after serving as a legislative aide to several Members of Congress.

Under Mr. Schaeffer's supervision, the EPA reached global settlements with more than 30 refineries that together account for nearly 1/3 of total U.S. refining capacity. Mr. Schaeffer was awarded the Justice Department's prestigious John Marshall Award in August, 2001, in recognition of the critical role he played in developing and managing the refinery initiative. He is also a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, recognizing his outstanding achievement as a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Mr. Schaeffer received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1997, and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1976.